

# Policy Committee Summaries

September 2004

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## Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee

Item #	Summary
4.1	<p><b><u>Regional Comprehensive Plan</u></b></p> <p>Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, presented an overview of staff's proposed concepts and approaches for the preparation of a Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). The RCP is intended to promote the implementation regional policies and programs, including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Compass Growth Vision. The plan will facilitate external, independent actions by creating action plans and menus of options within each topic chapter.</p> <p><i>The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Regional Council approve the program concepts and approaches with the addition of a chapter on education, and with adjustments in the program schedule.</i></p>

## Energy and Environment Committee

Item #	Summary
5.1	<p><b><u>2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (2004 RTIP) Air Quality Conformity</u></b></p> <p>The Committee was asked to recommend that the Regional Council approve the air quality conformity determination for the 2004 RTIP as part of resolution #04-453-2. The federal Clean Air Act requires the Regional Council to determine transportation air quality conformity for the 2004 RTIP.</p> <p><i>The Committee voted to recommend that the Regional Council approve the air quality conformity determination for the 2004 RTIP.</i></p>

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## Energy and Environment Committee - continued

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Addendum	The EEC took two special actions to recommend that the RC send a letter of support for two bills currently approved by the Legislature and awaiting action by the Governor.
	The EEC recommended that the RC authorize the SCAG President to send a letter to the Governor urging his support of AB 2141 (a flood plain management bill). In January 2004, SCAG President Bev Perry sent a letter to the Governor urging support for the recommendations of the state task force on flood plain management. Subsequent to January, AB 2141 was developed, passed by the Legislature, and sent to the Governor for signature.
	The EEC recommended that the RC authorize the SCAG President to send a letter to the Governor urging his support of AB 2006, the Reliable Electric Service Act of 2004. The bill clarifies an investor-owned electric utility's (IOU) obligation to serve direct-access customers, what costs it may recover in regard to new generation resources, and specifies long-term planning in which an IOU must engage.

## Transportation and Communications Committee

Item #	Summary
4.1	<p><b><u>Draft 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Roger Snoble indicated that the MTA would pursue bonding as well as reallocate funds in order to fund TCM projects in the RTIP. This action will be taken to the MTA board at their September 23 meeting.</p> <p><i>The Committed voted to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the resolution.</i></p>

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## **Transportation and Communications Committee - continued**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Maglev 2004 Conference, Shanghai</u></b></p> <p>Staff requested that the TCC approve an expenditure of \$4,000 to send two representatives to the Maglev conference in Shanghai.</p> <p><i>The Committee voted to recommend that the Regional Council authorize expenditures to send SCAG representatives to Maglev conference in Shanghai.</i></p>